

**Amendment No. 1 to SJR0475**

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**AMEND Senate Joint Resolution No. 475\***

by deleting the first resolving clause in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH  
GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF  
REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that a majority of all the members of each house  
concurring, as shown by the yeas and nays entered on their journals, that it is proposed:

That Article VI, Section 3, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by  
deleting the section in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

Each Judge of the Supreme Court shall be selected via merit-  
based gubernatorial appointment and shall be legislatively confirmed.  
Each such judge shall be thirty-five years of age and shall have been a  
resident of the state for the five year period immediately preceding  
appointment. The term of service shall be eight years. Any judge  
seeking additional terms must be reappointed, reconfirmed, and subject  
to a retention election by the qualified voters of the state. The Legislature  
shall have power to prescribe such rules as may be necessary to carry  
out the provisions of sections two and three of this article, except that the  
Legislature may not create a commission of non-legislators to assist in  
appointment and confirmation. The Legislature shall have the authority to  
stagger the terms of the Judges of the Supreme Court elected in 2014.  
Notwithstanding Article VI, Section 4, Judges of any intermediate

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appellate court shall be nominated, appointed and elected in the same manner as judges of the Supreme Court.

And that Article VI, Section 7, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the language "shall not be increased or diminished during the time for which they are elected" and by substituting instead the following:

shall not be increased or diminished during the time for which they are appointed or elected

And that Article VII, Section 5, of the Constitution of Tennessee be amended by deleting the language "Elections for judicial and other civil officers shall be held on the first Thursday in August" and by substituting instead the following:

Elections for judicial officers (excluding those appointed under Section 3 of Article VI) and other civil officers shall be held on the first Thursday in August